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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gregory J. Wilson, John M. Pedersen, Steve Eudy
Application No. : 10/008,636 Confirmation No.: 3747
Filed : December 4, 2001
For : CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS FOR MAKING CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND MACHINES WITH CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES

Art Unit : 1741
Docket No. : 29195.8172US
Date : July 25, 2002

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DECLARATION OF PAUL T. PARKER

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I, Paul T. Parker, do hereby declare:

1. The facts set forth in this Declaration are personally known to me and I have first-hand knowledge of such facts.
2. I am an attorney of the law firm of Perkins Coie LLC at 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, WA 98101, which is outside patent counsel for Semitool, Inc. ("Semitool").
3. I am involved in the filing and prosecution of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/008,636 (the "Application" for the invention entitled "CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS FOR MAKING CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND

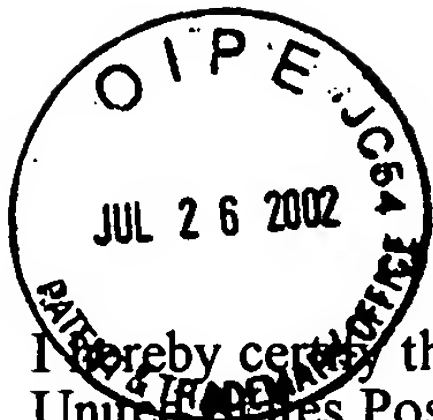
MACHINES WITH CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES.”

4. I have been informed that Mr. John Pedersen is a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in the Application, and that Mr. Pedersen made the invention as an employee of Semitool, Inc. I also understand that Mr. Pedersen was hired to invent improvements to Semitool, Inc.'s processing equipment.
5. Mr. Pedersen's last known address is 789 Lost Creek Drive, PO Box 151, Kalispell, MT 59901.
6. In early July 2002, I called Mr. Pedersen at (406) 755-1368. During this conversation, Mr. Pedersen confirmed that he received a copy of the Application, the Declaration and the Assignment for the subject application. Mr. Pedersen, however, refused to execute the Declaration.
7. On July 24, 2002, I again called Mr. Pedersen and asked him to execute the Declaration sent to him on June 28, 2002. Mr. Pedersen again refused to execute the Declaration.
8. On July 25, 2002, I again spoke with Mr. Pedersen and he again refused to execute the Declaration.
9. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Executed this 26th day of July 2002, in Seattle, Washington.

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Paul T. Parker



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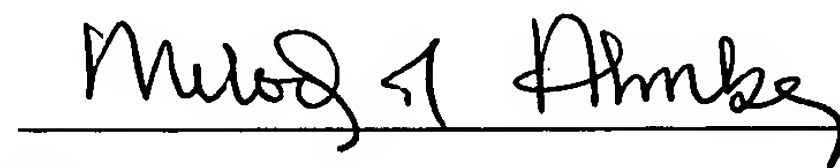
I, Melody J. Almberg, do hereby declare:

1. The facts set forth in this Declaration are personally known to me and I have first-hand knowledge of such facts.
2. I am a paralegal of the law firm of Perkins Coie LLC at 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, WA 98101, which is outside patent counsel for Semitool, Inc. ("Semitool")
3. I am involved in the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/008,636 (the "Application" for the invention entitled "CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS FOR MAKING CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND MACHINES

WITH CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES.”

4. I have been informed that Mr. John Pedersen is a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in the Application, and that Mr. Pedersen made the invention as an employee of Semitool, Inc.
5. On June 28, 2002, I sent a letter, (enclosed as Attachment A) and a copy of the Application, a Declaration, and an Assignment to Mr. John Pedersen at 789 Lost Creek Drive, PO Box 151, Kalispell, MT 59901 via United States Postal Service Certified Mail. He was instructed to sign the Declaration and Assignment and then return the documents to our office. The United States Certified Mail return receipt card was signed and returned to our office (copy enclosed as Attachment B).
6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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June 28, 2002

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John M. Pedersen
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Kalispell, Montana 59901

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/008,636
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CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND MACHINES WITH
CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL
PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES
Our Reference No.: 29195.8172US
Semitool Reference No.: P01-0060

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

Enclosed please find the Declaration and Assignment documents for the above-identified patent application. Please sign and return these documents to our office as soon as possible, so that they can be filed with the Patent Office for Patent Application No. 10/008,636.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us:

Very truly yours,

Melody J. Almberg
Melody J. Almberg
Paralegal

Enclosures:
As Noted

ATTACHMENT A

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